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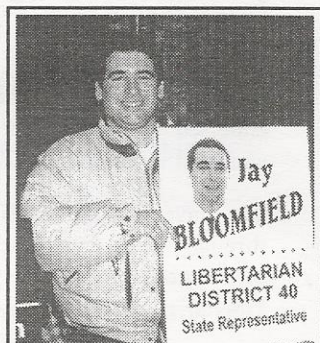
Coloradans Cast 343,000 Libertarian Votes

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 8 at party headquarters, 720 East 18th Avenue in Denver

Party members are welcome at the meeting. Please call BetteRose for details: 303.639.5530

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Coloradans cast over 343,000 votes for Libertarian candidates in the 2000 elections, shattering all previous records and establishing the Libertarian Party as the strongest challenger to the two-party system.



Candidate Jay Bloomfield shows his sign at the election night party.

"We did an excellent job in Colorado," said State Chair BetteRose Smith. "We broke the 20

percent barrier in a two-way race. We got over 40 percent in two counties for state house (San Miguel County and Pitkin County). We got two endorsements from major papers, the *Denver Post* and the *Colorado Springs Independent*. Overall, I'm very pleased."

A total of 87 candidates ran for state-wide office, U.S. Congress, state legislature, and county commissioner. The Libertarian Party ran more candidates than the Democrats for legislature.

While no Libertarian won office this year in Colorado, the state continues to host several local public officials from the party, including the nation's only Libertarian

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Johnson Earns Ptak Award for Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO - The Libertarian Party of Colorado is pleased to announce this year's winner of the Ptak Award, the honor given to the Libertarian of the Year, named after the first recipient, Judd Ptak. Festivities were held at Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs on Saturday, October 21.

candidate for Secretary of State, and 6 candidates for county commissioner.

Johnson was cited for his work at gun shows and other events, where he educates the public on freedom issues and has registered many new members.

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Joe Johnson, of Lafayette, was chosen by his fellow party members for his tireless efforts in a number of projects.

Johnson was seen as the chief instigator who convinced so many people across the state to run for office under the party banner. The results, which Johnson gladly attributed to many others, are 57 out of 65 State House candidates, 18 out of 20 State Senate candidates, 6 US House candidates, a



Libertarians recognized five individuals for their activism. (R-L) Elizabeth Bennett, Joe Johnson, Carol Geltemeyer, Ari Armstrong, and BetteRose Smith.

Notes from the Chair

Dear Friends of Liberty,

By the time you read this, the election should be over and we will know who the next president of the United States will be. (Then again, maybe not.)

We Libertarians had a great party on election night November 7. Attendance was great, there was a cash bar, some young Libertarians headed up by Tony Middleton provided music, and several people brought TVs so we could view election results. Unfortunately, not all our totals were presented by the networks. We also had a bit of a start when the networks showed a Libertarian in the lead for one of the congressional races. We were told that it was a computer problem somewhere, and apparently that was true. But it was fun while it lasted.

What surprised me most is how upbeat people were and still are about the election and the results. I have been to two other election night parties and the results have always been a bit of a letdown. Some of the people who have been working within the party for only a short while were disappointed but it seems that most people are very upbeat. For those of you who are new to the party, some background information might be in order here to put things in perspective.

In the early 80s we were not allowed to register as a Libertarian. Now, not only can we register as a Libertarian but, because of some very hard work by key individuals, we are also considered a minor political party in the state of Colorado. We can nominate our candidates to the ballot. No petitioning needed.

When I joined the board in November of 1994 the Libertarian Party was mentioned in the press so few times that even nationwide the average was less than once a month. Here in Colorado it was almost like we didn't exist. The word Libertarian, while used more frequently, still could not be found much in Colorado - maybe four mentions the first year I was in office. This year, this election season, not a week went by without a newspaper story somewhere in Colorado about a Libertarian candidate or the party itself. The term Libertarian could be found daily in some newspaper somewhere in Colorado.

We tripled the number of Libertarian candidates on the ballot this year over 1998 and that year was triple the number of candidates in 1994. This year we had more candidates for the state house, state senate and US congress than the Democrats! We came close to beating the Republicans.

Our first elected office holder was Doug Anderson in the mid-80s. Now we have over 12 offices with Libertarians in them, many of them elected. Our highest elected official is at the county level!

Here is a list of some of the best things to happen in this election cycle.

At least two of our candidates for partisan races were endorsed by major papers in their area. One was endorsed by the *Denver Post*.

We have almost doubled our base of support throughout the state. Base of support is the percentage of support we can expect by simply having a Libertarian on the ballot.

One of our candidates was featured in a story in the *Rocky Mountain News*, and while this is not a first, this candidate was also asked to provide testimony on one of the ballot issues.

Many of our candidates in outlying areas had several feature stories written about them and their campaign.

Libertarians, Libertarian candidates and the LPCO were being called by the press for our take on various issues. That's right, the press was calling us!

Several candidates broke the 20% barrier in a two-way partisan race.

We broke the all time high set by Judd Ptak's partisan race of around 20% in a given precinct to over 40% in an entire county! Our three way races showed a similar increase in vote totals.

To me, watching the party over the last 10 years has been like watching a child grow. First it seems so slow, lots of stumbling. Now, almost suddenly, it seems to have just taken off. In another two years, the party will

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Anti-Freedom Legislators Earn Stalin Awards

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DENVER, CO - The Libertarian Party of Colorado is pleased to announce the winners of the Legislative Stalin Awards. With the hopes of starting an annual tradition, these awards are to be given to the legislators who consistently vote against liberty.

In the State House, the winners are Susan Windels and Jennifer Veiga, both Democrats, coming in with scores of 20 percent. The Lowell P. Weicker Honorable Mention Certificate goes to Republican Marcy Morrison, who had a score of 26%. With the elections, Veiga keeps her seat, Windels moves to the Senate, and Morrison is term-limited out.

In the Senate, honors were shared by Republican Elsie Lacy and Democrat Peggy Reeves, both with 29%. Lacy is term-limited out and Reeves keeps her seat.

To arrive at these figures, a careful study was made of

the laws passed during the 2000 legislative session. Three long-time Libertarians sat down, studied each bill, and decided how a true defender of liberty should have voted for each bill. The criteria included:

1. Did it reduce the role of government in people's lives? 2. Did it move money from government hands to private hands? 3. Was it a legitimate function of government?

If the three judges could not come to a unanimous decision on a given bill, that bill was tossed out of the study. Once the bills were decided on, it was a simple matter of checking the voting records of each member and comparing them to the libertarian ideal.

Sadly, no member of the legislature scored above 78%. Nobody in the Senate scored above 68%. The overall average was below 50%.

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be close to competing evenly with the other major parties. While progress was slow the first 10 years or so of its life, these last 6 to 8 years have been truly amazing. With luck and hard work, the party might just find itself a major party, not just in the way we conduct our business but under Colorado statute as well.

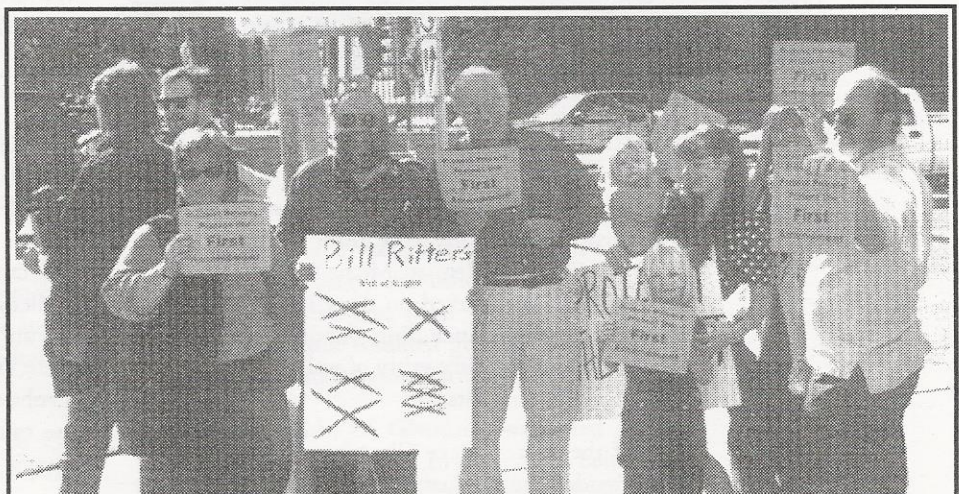
There are so many people to thank for our success this year. Thank you to all the people that donated time and money to the various races around the state. A special thanks to all the candidates. You see, because we were united, because we came out in force, and because some candidates ran powerful races, we all benefited. The Libertarians are being taken as a serious new force in the politics of Colorado. Because so many people put their names on the line as candidates, we, as a party, not only get more respect but we will also know where to target our limited resources in 2002. We will be able to identify where our larger bases of support are located. We have learned more about how to run candidates and what resources our candidates will need in the future.

And thank you to all those who have gone before, the ones who laid the groundwork for this outstanding year, the ones who worked, sweated, donated time and money, and generally gave us a leg up not only in years past but this year as well. Without you, we would not be where we are today. We would not be looking for a partisan win in 2002. And win we will!

In Liberty,
BetteRose Smith



Michelle Konieczny and daughters participate in a rally November 13 in support of Tattered Cover bookstore. Police want to search book purchase records of the store.



Libertarian activists join a coalition called Friends of the First Amendment. Jack Wahr, a Democrat, is shown with the "Bill Ritter's Bill of Rights" sign.

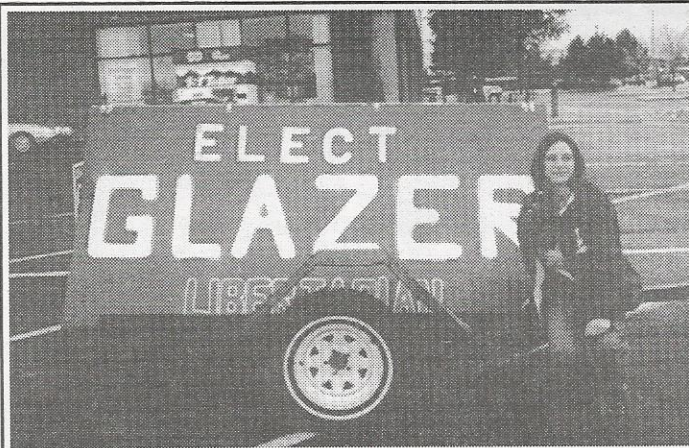
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Review of the Elect Glazer Campaign

A Libertarian campaign team is virtually a contradiction in terms. Taking this group of avid individualists and getting them to function together is quite like herding cats. I was fortunate to have so many people willing to contribute their talent, time and funds to my campaign. Not only did they help my campaign. They also helped to advance the cause of Liberty overall.

Although we fell short of our goal with a total of 7.1% (1,440 votes) this was still quite a feat with only about 50 registered Libertarians in the district. We also spread consciousness of the party and its ideals to more than 26,000 registered voters who received our three district-wide mailers.

This also marked a turning point in Libertarian campaigns in Colorado. Historically, Libertarian campaigns have been isolated efforts by the candidate with perhaps (if they were fortunate) the aid of a spouse and one or two friends. Our true successes will come as more Libertarians (including you, dear reader) put their shoulders together behind this bus of Liberty and help push it out of the muck it has been stuck in for so long.



Dr. Glazer prepares to hit the road again with an "Elect Glazer" sign in tow.

My own team had over 20 people working on it in one fashion or another. My core team consisted of Joe Johnson, Elizabeth Bennet, Michelle Konieczny, and Matt Hine. They worked on every imaginable aspect of the campaign, including fundraising, creating brochures, and the nitty-gritty of walking the precinct and knocking on doors.

Behind the scenes, Steve Givot handled the treasury and provided the invaluable voice of experience; Dave Bryant managed the mailing lists and handled media referrals; Shefali O'Hara did the press releases; and Tom Parker provided editorial advice.

Ralph Shnelvar created and managed the matching fund pledge drive that provided the bulk of our funding. He was assisted on the phones by Lee Everett who was also one of our regular district walkers. Our other regular walkers included Geoffrey Lloyd, Tom Goonan, Judd Ptak and Grace Reed.

In the final 4 days Ken Bray and Mark Holden joined in driving trailers with "Elect Glazer Libertarian" in the district around the clock. Over a dozen other people walked at least one day, helped to stuff envelopes, post signs and otherwise keep the campaign rolling. My thanks to all of you, as well as our many financial contributors who made it all happen.

All of the other candidates who sacrificed some of their privacy and time deserve special appreciation as well. No matter how active they were able to make their own campaigns, the sheer number of candidates helped to push the media to take note and take us seriously. The Wheat Ridge weekly local paper included me in three articles, the Rocky Mountain News in two and the network news on Channel Seven had me on once. Three radio stations invited me to speak.

The one major change I would have made to improve this campaign would have been to start earlier. Our first campaign meeting was at the end of July, and we did not start walking the district until the first weekend in September.

What I have learned is a successful campaign requires groundwork over the course of a year or more to research, network, and gain name recognition. Critical time was taken out of active campaigning in the last few months to prepare written materials and do research. To aid candidates in the future a book of resources and tips specific to campaigning in Colorado is being compiled by Elizabeth Bennett and should be available shortly after the new year. Those who would like more details before then are welcome to email me.

Overall, I found this a positive experience which provided a crash course in government media relations, and basic human nature. It has shown me how critical it is to continue the fight for Liberty. The challenge in the coming months is to grow the party to run even better campaigns for the next election cycle. Once again I encourage everyone to get involved. Ask yourself each day "What have I done for the cause of Liberty?" and don't rest until you are pleased with your own answer.

Yours in Liberty,
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Being a Lineholder Candidate Can Be Fun!

by Bob Johnson

Libertarian for Colorado House District 60

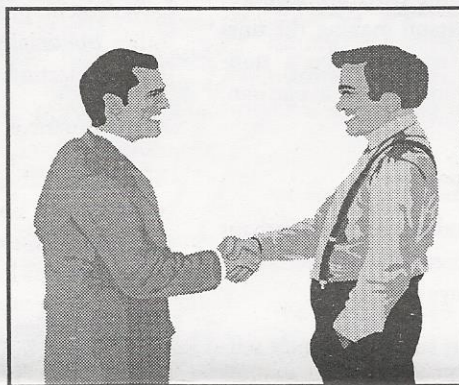
Joe Johnson called me and asked me to be a candidate for District 60 State Representative. I said thanks but no thanks. But Joe is very persuasive. When he told me that we might have a full slate except for District 60 I gave in and said yes, but only as a lineholder.

So now what? Right away I received a package from Joe and Norm Olsen. Included were instructions and forms for financial reporting. There was a preprinted form with zero contributions and zero expenditures so all you have to do is fill in the dates and sign it. No problem.

Also included was a form requesting personal information and a summary of my Libertarian beliefs. I sent this in and presto! I had a web site and an article for the Liberty. Piece of cake! Next I began to receive surveys and questionnaires. This required some thought but after the first couple they got easier. All that was required was a little time and a stamp.

Calls to the local newspapers and radio stations resulted in articles and interviews. Once again, piece of cake.

Then I discovered a series of "Meet the Candidate" nights being held at towns across the San Luis Valley. Heck, why not? All it takes is a little time and gas money. The sponsors were not aware that a Libertarian was running but once I informed them they welcomed me enthusiastically. I participated in



ten such meetings. You know what? They were FUN! I had a great time. All I did was explain my Libertarian beliefs and give Libertarian answers to questions. All of these meetings were reported in the local papers with equal or better coverage for the Libertarian candidate.

The highlight was the House District 60 Candidates debate. The Democrats and Republicans could not agree on a moderator. So the sponsors asked my wife Sandy to moderate which she did. The Democratic incumbent insisted on speaking first and refused to stop at the end of the five-minute introduction. Since

I was the next speaker I got up and began speaking in a loud voice at the same time. Eventually he sat down and the debate went on. I got a very favorable front-page story and photo in *The Valley Courier* and an article in the *Pueblo Chieftain*.

One fellow asked how I'd get more government money for his favorite cause. I told him that I would work for vastly reduced taxes so that he could afford what he wanted. He must have liked me because then he said, "You know if you were a Democrat I'd vote for you!"

Most line holder candidates will not get involved in shenanigans like this but any candidate can bring Libertarian ideas to a lot of people without spending much money—and have fun doing it. And maybe, just maybe, you will find out that it's not that tough and be motivated to run as a "real candidate" the next time.

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He was also cited for his work as Fundraising Director for the campaign of Dr. Shawn Glazer for State House District 24.

Since so many of the ballots for the award had named not just Joe, but "Joe and Elizabeth," referring to Joe's partner in these endeavors as well as in life, a special Ptak Support Award was presented to Elizabeth Bennett.

There was a three-way tie for second place, so Ptak Honor Certificates were presented to the following people:

Carol Geltemeyer, of Colorado Springs, was cited for her accomplishments in putting together a full ballot

slate in El Paso County. She also is Campaigns Director for the county affiliate and is a candidate herself, for House District 15. She also happened to be responsible for putting together Saturday's Awards Banquet.

Ari Armstrong, of Arvada, was cited for his efforts on the Colorado Liberty, the official newsletter of the state party. He has also been very successful in his efforts to reach out to allied groups. Armstrong is a candidate for State House District 35.

Bette Rose Smith, of Glendale, was cited for her tireless efforts for the party. In addition to being party chair, she also acts as advisor to numerous campaigns and spends countless hours doing the behind the scenes work, without which the party would simply fall apart.

Florida: Now You Know How Government Operates

by Harry Browne

The Florida ballot fiasco has produced at least one valuable benefit: It has shown us exactly how government actually operates.

Almost everyone watching the news from Florida can see that anyone with the power to affect the outcome—the secretary of state, the various judges, the many local election-board officials—is a Democrat or Republican who is acting according to his own partisan interest.

So the final outcome won't depend on "truth" or "justice" or "fairness"—but on the party affiliation of whoever turns out to be the person making the final decision. In other words, what should be a non-partisan, objective ruling will instead be a partisan, politically motivated decision.

This is your government on politics

Is that the way government should operate? Perhaps not, but that's the way government does operate. And that's the way government always operates.

In fact, if politicians will act in such a blatantly self-interested way as they have in Florida with the whole country watching them, imagine what they'll do when there's no press coverage of their decisions.

Your government on drugs

For example, we like to think Food and Drug Administration officials have only your health and safety in mind when they decide what food or medicines they'll let you buy. But they are as politically motivated as any Florida election official.

The FDA has routinely kept life-saving medicines off the market for years until the bureaucrats were positive they could never be held responsible for a single death. While waiting for the FDA, tens of thousands of people have died for lack of the medicines—far more lives than the FDA could possibly claim to have saved.

People have suffered unnecessarily—or even died—with such problems as heart disease, depression, schizophrenia, kidney cancer, and epilepsy, just because FDA officials were afraid of the political consequences they would face if they made even a minor mistake.

Robert Goldberg of Brandeis University has estimated that FDA delays in approving drugs that were already used safely elsewhere in the world have caused at least 200,000 Americans to die over the past 30 years. These delays affected Alzheimer patients who weren't allowed to take THA, people with high blood pressure

who couldn't take beta-blockers, those with kidney cancer who couldn't take Interleukin-2, and AIDS patients who died while the FDA pondered whether drugs like AZT were cost-effective.

Almost any medical doctor will tell you that taking a baby aspirin or drinking a glass of red wine every day helps reduce the threat of a heart attack. But the FDA has threatened aspirin makers and wineries with fines or imprisonment if they try to tell you that. Why? Because aspirin and wine could provide competition for industries that have better political connections.

The people who run the FDA—or any other government program—are politicians, appointed by other politicians for political purposes, just like the Florida election officials.

Government is politics

The nature of government is politics—the politics of winning and holding office, the politics of rewarding one's friends, the politics of punishing one's enemies, the politics of looking out for No. 1.

When George Bush and Al Gore propose a new prescription-drug program for senior citizens, they are actually proposing a new political boondoggle by which a new group of politically connected people can get rich, by which politically appointed bureaucrats will have more life-or-death authority over your health, by which a larger area of your life will be ruled by politics.

Getting what we want

How can we remove politics from government?

We can't. And we should quit pretending we can. Instead, we should remove government itself from our lives wherever possible.

The way to make health care more efficient and more affordable is to take the government and politics out of it—not intrude politics further into it with Medicare reform, or with prescription-drug programs or a "Patient's Bill of Rights."

The way to make education more efficient is to take the government and politics out of it—not intrude politics further into it with more federal spending, or by giving the government control over private schools through vouchers, or with federal testing programs.

As Michael Cloud has pointed out, the problem isn't the abuse of power; it is the power to abuse. And the only relief is to remove the politicians' power to abuse us.

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Planting Seeds of Liberty

by Sandra Johnson
1998 Libertarian Candidate for Governor

Thank You! I'm delighted with the unbelievable efforts put forth by many of you this election—it is really exciting that there are so many more activists than there were just two years ago. I am grateful for what each of you has done for liberty, from registering and voting Libertarian to campaigning and running for office.

Thanks are due to those activists who contributed in a multitude of ways: wrote letters to the editor, worked at outreach booths, organized events at the State Capital and elsewhere, put out newsletters and press releases, introduced freedom ideas to friends, agreed to be a candidate, organized and worked hard for a campaign. And especial thanks are due to those who gave it their all—energy, time, money, commitment—and worked on full-fledged campaigns.

There are not words to properly thank the extreme contributors who were activists before I first got involved 10 years ago who continue working hard for the LP today. David Bryant immediately comes to mind. He has been working hard in a variety of roles and has provided great insight in developing libertarian positions on issues as well as a historical perspective for newcomers. He is responsible for my own involvement.

BetteRose Smith has been there always ready to forge ahead and tackle the seemingly impossible. She has encouraged the Party and many of us to take risks pushing the envelope of what we thought we could do. Her fundraising in years past has pushed us from the discussion phase to political activism. She has pitched in just about everywhere and just about any time. There are probably a handful of other extreme contributors who were active before that.

What Strategies Work? After study and some rational thought we have become deeply committed to these ideas of freedom—now we want to change the country toward that ideal. But what works?

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This is why Libertarians oppose every new government program—because we know each such program will be used to help those who are politically connected at the expense of those who have no political influence.

This is why Libertarians favor every reduction in government—because we know that the way to expand the power of each of us to control his own life

We do not always know what strategies work. We want good results and we hope and believe that our efforts will bear fruit. We can work very hard and we can spend a lot of money—but we cannot always see the results of the seeds we plant.

We cannot measure change in hearts and minds. We can count votes (at least some of us can). We plant many seeds of liberty and may not see the sprouts. We care for the Tree of Liberty so that one day it will shade the landscape and we may enjoy its fruits.

Encouragement for the Future

We have experienced tremendous progress in the number of activists, candidates, party members, quality newsletter, quality web site, the frequency the LP is mentioned in the media, dollars raised, etc.

Often the harder we've worked the more disappointed we are with the results. We must remember that when planting the seeds of freedom, we do not know where or when those seeds will germinate.

We are trying to overcome ingrained bad habits of always voting D or R. We need new ideas, new excitement, new enthusiasm and new energy; we also need the skills and knowledge of those who have been involved and are still willing to give of themselves. We must encourage and nurture every volunteer—they are very critical to the future of freedom. We should encourage individuals to try a variety of new ideas until we find out what is most effective. Constructive criticism is fine, but emotional criticism not based on facts creates bad feelings, which sap our strength.

We each have variable levels and qualities of skills, knowledge, energy, money, and commitment at different stages of our lives and depending on our personal situations. When you're committed to furthering the cause of liberty it's hard not to overdo it and get totally worn out. We need to respect the fact that not everyone can dedicate their life totally to the Libertarian cause every day of their lives, and be appreciative of what they are able to give.

is to take away the politicians' power to run our lives for their benefit.

If the Florida fiasco has helped people understand that what we think of as "government" is really politicians making political decisions for political purposes, we should all be grateful.

Harry Browne was the 2000 Libertarian presidential candidate. More of his articles can be found at www.HarryBrowne2000.org.

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National LP Political Director Thanks Candidates

Dear Libertarian Candidate,

THANK YOU!

I can't express enough gratitude to you for representing the Libertarian Party as a 2000 candidate. There is no task more important for advancing the cause of freedom than that of being a Libertarian candidate.

I hope you've found the hard work to also be rewarding, and that you will think about running again in 2002.

Thanks to your hard work and dedication, the Libertarian Party has set several new records for third parties this year.

Parties has ever polled as much as 1,000,000 votes for U.S. House. By percentage, 1.84% of the voters who voted for U.S. House voted for a Libertarian, the best such percentage since 1948, when 1.89% of the voters supported Progressive Party candidates for the U.S. House. Seven Libertarian Party U.S. House candidates achieved "balance of power" by receiving more votes than the margin of victory of the major party winner. For U.S. Senate, Libertarian nominees polled more than 1,050,000 votes, 1.7% of the total cast for all candidates for U.S. Senate (only two-thirds of the states had U.S. Senate elections this year, as is normal). Carla Howell received more than 300,000 votes and 12% in her race for Senate in Massachusetts – a big new record for Libertarian Party candidates.



*Libertarians watch the election returns November 7 at Belle Ristorante in Denver.
Front row (l-r): Terry Donze, Bert Weiner, Adam Katz (Candidate for Congress), and Joe Johnson.*

At least 3,278,607 voters cast at least one Libertarian vote, 130,000 votes more than our nearest third party competitor, the Greens.

More than 10 million total Libertarian votes were cast – actually many more than 10 million – we are still totaling all the local votes.

We have automatic ballot status in 25 states for 2002 – more than any other third party, and the most in our history as well.

We elected at least 30 Libertarians in fall elections – more than all other third parties combined. We currently have more than twice as many elected officials as all other

We ran the biggest slate of third party candidates since before World War II. More than 1,420 candidates made the fall ballot for the Libertarian Party. This was more than twice as many candidates as all other third parties combined.

We ran 256 candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives – more than the other third parties combined. No third party had run candidates in even a majority of districts since 1920 when the Socialist Party did it. And the Socialists didn't have to face the horrendous ballot access restrictions our candidates had to overcome.

Our candidates for U.S. House polled 1,660,000 votes for this year. This is the first time in U.S. history that a party other than the Democratic or Republican

third parties combined.

And we moved the debate in a Libertarian direction in race after race and precinct after precinct. We exposed millions to the message of freedom and prosperity. We gave millions the chance to vote their hopes, not their fears.

This is all due to your hard work as a candidate. The very reason the Libertarian Party exists is to move public policy in a Libertarian direction through the fielding and electing of Libertarians to public office. Without your hard work and the efforts of all our other candidates, we wouldn't be a political party at all.

Thank you for doing the hard work of Freedom.

Ron Crickenberger, Political Director

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Sheriff, Bill Masters of San Miguel County (Telluride).

Smith said, "I've been through eight years of elections with the Libertarian Party, and we do better every time. From just two years ago, our averages in three-way races are up from two percent to about four percent."

Norm Olsen, Campaigns Director and candidate for State House, added, "In this election, our percentages are up significantly over any previous election. We ran more than three times as many candidates as we've ever run before. Now, we need to keep our numbers up and increase the experience of our candidates."

In Congressional District 5, Kerry Kantor pulled 12.3 percent of the vote in a three-way race against a Republican and a Natural Law candidate. In Congressional races against a Republican and Democrat, Libertarians averaged about 6,000 votes, or 2.3 percent of the total. Libertarian candidates ran for all six Colorado Congressional seats, contributing to a record-setting 1.6 million votes nationally for a third-party's Congressional candidates.

In a race that drew national interest, Carla Howell of Massachusetts earned 12 percent of the vote in her bid for U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy, coming in only a point behind the Republican.

Johanna Fallis handily beat all three of her third-party opponents for Secretary of State, coming in behind the Republican and Democrat with 43,429 votes, or 2.7 percent of the total.

Out of the 17 Libertarian candidates for state senate, three earned more than 5 percent of the vote total in three-way races, and three hit double digits in two-way races. In District 26, Steven Lee earned 24.7 percent; in District 12 Patrick Lilly earned 23.5 percent.

Of 57 Libertarian candidates for state house, 26 earned over 5 percent of the vote total. Ralph Estrada picked up 8.6 percent in District 4, Colette Wright won 7.6 percent in District 19, and Shawn Glazer earned 7.1 percent in District 24. In all 18 two-way races, the Libertarian picked up double-digit percentages, with Russ Haddad of District 50 leading the totals with 25.1 percent.

Three of six county commissioner candidates earned double-digits, including Steven D'Ippolito of El Paso with 23.8 percent of the vote.

Public Information Director John Berntson said, "Nationally, the Libertarian Party doubles its numbers every three years; this trend seems to carry over into vote totals. If trends continue, the LP should start regularly winning races sometime in the next ten years. But 2002 would not be too soon."

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Press Watch: Libertarians Spread the Word

Editor's Note: The amount of material for the Press Watch this month was extraordinary. My collection of clippings filled 39 pages of raw text, and I didn't come close to recording all the times a Libertarian appeared in the papers, on the radio, or on television. Only a small portion of the contents could be printed in the *Liberty*. More can be found at the web page at www.lpcolorado.org.

Jack Nicholson Sports LP Sign

Rick Carroll wrote "Longshot candidate has bigshot supporters" for the October 15 *Aspen Daily News*:

"Libertarian Drew Sakson may be the longshot in the race for the District 3 Congressional seat, but that's hard to tell from his growing stable of supporters.

"He's got the folks at the Roaring Fork Tavern, Johnny McGuire's and Bagel Bites in his corner, as well as San Miguel Sheriff Bill Masters, the outspoken law official who shares Sakson's philosophy of less government and more civil liberties.

"Nicholson's...
sign reads:

'Enough is
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for Congress.'"

"And the latest supporter to endorse Sakson is Jack Nicholson, the four-time Oscar winning actor who has a home in Aspen.

"Smack in the middle of Nicholson's West End residence yard is a red, white and blue sign in support of Sakson. The sign reads: 'Enough is Enough. Sakson for Congress.'"

Major Parties Disappoint

M.E. Sprengelmeyer did a superb job covering the Libertarian Party for the *Rocky Mountain News*. (One Libertarian even sent the writer flowers.) On October 22, Sprengelmeyer published an article entitled, "Major parties continue to disappoint."

The opening paragraphs stated, "The Libertarian Party is betting on strength in numbers in this year's state elections. Determined to spread the limited government message statewide, the party has dispatched an army of rookie candidates. They even outnumber Democrats in races for Congress, state House and Senate."

Adam Katz, Libertarian candidate for U.S. Congress District 6, told the *News*, "While they may or may not win, they're getting enough information out that sooner or later people are going to realize the Democrats and Republicans aren't doing us any good."

The article also quoted BetteRose Smith and Shawn Elke Glazer and noted, "Glazer is campaigning on

reforms in taxes, health care and education. At every turn, she stresses how she thinks the private sector can do a better job than big government." Glazer ran for State House District 24.

Drew Sakson, Libertarian for the Third Congressional, said, "George Gore and Al Bush, they sound the same. Sooner or later, people in this country are going to say, 'Wait a minute. We're tired of hearing the same crap.'"

Sprengelmeyer also summed up the Libertarian presidential race: "Harry Browne has been calling for eliminating the federal income tax, letting people out of the 'fraudulent Social Security system,' ending the 'insane' war on drugs, and shooting down gun control."

Baker's Message of Freedom Steals the Show

Tom Parker related the following:

"Kudos to LP candidates at the recent forum!

"There's some good coverage in today's *Daily Times-Call* of LP candidates at last night's forum in Longmont. In fact, the lead front page headline reads:

Colo. candidates air it out
In Udall's absence, Libertarian steals show

"The headline refers to Dave Baker, running for the Second Congressional District.

"Other stories have favorable coverage of W. Earl Allen, Chuck Wright, and others. Apparently members of the TRT (Tyranny Response Team) were in attendance, as well."

The newspaper story read, "David Baker, the Libertarian candidate for Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, utilized a booming oration and an unflinching description of his platform to practically steal the show from his three opponents at Wednesday night's candidates' forum.

"Baker called for an end to drug prohibition, decried Social Security as an entropic system inspired by Cold War German and Soviet theories [and] blasted public education as 'Prussian.'"

Bachlet Covers LP Accurately

Nancy Bachlet of the *Westminster Window* wrote two articles October 19 about local Libertarian candidates Gregg Miller and Ari Armstrong.

Bachlet's story about Miller, entitled "Libertarian

candidate supports privatization," described a range of the candidate's views.

The story notes Miller "believes education should be removed from a state supported public school system. He said private schools and home schooling do a much better job of educating children than do the public schools... Whether the issue is health care, transportation or education, he supports privatization of the system."

The other piece, entitled "Willner, Armstrong running against Ragsdale," relates: "Armstrong... said he is running for office as a Libertarian because he believes Coloradans are overtaxed and over-regulated and he wants to reverse that trend... The issues Armstrong sees [as] important in District 35 include returning to parent-centered education, reducing taxes and rolling back drug prohibition."

The article continues:

He is calling for a complete separation of government and schools.

"Back before government took control of the schools, Americans had high literacy rates," Armstrong said.

He would like to see government funding of education eliminated, because politicians have interjected too much controversy into the schools and taken educational decisions away from parents.

Armstrong wants to work to repeal drug prohibition and return to a system where drugs are regulated by the medical community.

"I believe drug prohibitions increase violence by putting drugs in the hands of drug gangsters," Armstrong said...

Armstrong would like to see transportation issues resolved by privatizing transportation carriers, rather than using subsidized RTD and light rail systems.

"The reason we have congestion is because the roads are politicized," Armstrong said, pointing out that there is not congestion in the grocery stores...

Sprawl, Armstrong said, has been caused by government regulation of growth through zoning laws, corporate welfare and tax discrimination. He said zoning that separated commercial from residential areas has created congestion and sprawl, rather than allowing self-contained communities to form.

"Politicians have given us dumb growth," Armstrong said, adding he would prefer to see smart growth handled by individuals.

Armstrong also published a letter in the October 19 *Window*.

Dear Editor,

Your Sept. 28 endorsement claims, "This amendment (22)... screens out buyers who are precluded from enjoying the Second Amendment to the Constitution."

Unfortunately, that's demonstrably false. According to CBI statistics, in over 70 percent of denials, there's no evidence of even a criminal charge, much less a conviction. In fact, I was speaking with a retired police officer with no criminal background who was wrongly denied twice.

Independent studies show the national background check system has failed to reduce crime.

Background checks don't stop criminals, who merely resort to theft or the black market to get their guns. Because of incomplete and inaccurate records, background checks routinely deny law-abiding citizens their right to purchase a firearm for self-defense.

The background check initiative would thus violate the Colorado Constitution, which states: "The right of *no person* to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person, or property... shall be called in question..."

Ari Armstrong
Libertarian for State House 35

Wright Vindicated

Chuck Write, candidate for State Senate District 17, was smeared by his Republican opponent, Randal Custer. Finally Custer apologized to Wright and the *Daily Camera* ran a story about the exchange October 27. Joel Patenaude wrote the story, "Custer retracts attack on Libertarian."

The story also focussed upon the substantive debate the candidates held over drug prohibition. Custer, who used and sold illegal drugs years ago, nonetheless supports prohibition. Wright took to him to task for that position. The *Camera* quoted Wright's position: "Given his past drug abuse, it's hypocritical of Mr. Custer to support the Drug War."

Rocky Mountain News Praises Glazer: 'Most Attractive Candidate'

The October 27 lead editorial of the *Rocky Mountain News* said: "A wild card in the [State House district 24] race is Libertarian physician Shawn Elke Glazer, who is very bright and campaigning hard; in some ways she is the most attractive candidate of the bunch."

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Robby Noel Invites Libertarians

Robby Noel invited Libertarian candidates Shawn Elke Glazer and Dave Baker on his show during the week before the elections. On October 31, Baker said on-air, "By sticking to our principles, a lot of Americans are going to realize 'I'm a Libertarian, too!'" He added, "Freedom is the greatest word in the English language."

Mark Call Hosts Browne

On October 31, Mark Call interviewed Harry Browne on 1360 AM. Browne said, "We believe in the entire Bill of Rights, and I believe we can sell the entire package to the American people because the rewards are so great."

Browne remarked on Bush's ability to work with both Republicans and Democrats: "We don't want a President who can get things done, we want a President who can get things UNdone."

Glazer Featured on 7 News

The Elect Glazer campaign sent out regular updates to volunteers and others interested in the race. The November 1 edition read, "Perhaps you had a chance to catch the full-page ad in yesterday's *Rocky Mountain News*, or perhaps you caught Dr. Glazer leading the Channel 7 10 o'clock news last night. Perhaps you woke up this morning to the mention of Dr. Glazer fighting City Hall — and winning — in Peter Blake's editorial in the *News*..."

The update continued, "While children were trying to calm down from their sugar highs, Glazer supporters got their own special treat on Halloween. Dr. Glazer led the ten o'clock news on Channel 7 being featured on video during a piece on Third-party candidates by reporter Heinrich Sybrandie..."

"It was unanimous among those who caught the coverage that Dr. Glazer presented herself extremely well on camera, and the campaign definitely viewed this as an extremely positive event!"

'Uncle Liberty' Good to Candidates

"Uncle Nasty," the radio DJ for hard-rock KBPI 106.7 FM, featured two Libertarians during the week before elections. Ari Armstrong debated Amendment 22 with Democrat Ken Arnold, and Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer spent another afternoon discussing medicinal marijuana.

Notably, Uncle Nasty mentioned on his program the Libertarian Party release noting more school children

are killed in football accidents than are killed by shootings at schools.

Are You Fed Up?

The following letter was submitted November 2.

As we approach Election Day, my decision to vote for Harry Browne for President, David Baker for Congress, and all Libertarians across the ticket is stronger than ever.

Are you fed up with the disastrous War on Drugs? The bankrupt Social Security scheme? Excessive taxation for dysfunctional government programs? A military offense that meddles in foreign countries? Government intrusion in the most personal family and medical decisions? Like millions of Americans, I certainly am.

Bush and Gore will do nothing to set you free from Big Government. Only the Libertarian party wants to restore full economic and personal liberty to all Americans. Perhaps you may not agree with everything in the party platform. Yet voting Libertarian is the only way to send a message to Republocrats that what you do with your money and your personal life is none of their business. If that's your philosophy, you are probably not a Republican, Democrat, or Green: you are a Libertarian.

Before you go to the polls November 7, go to www.HarryBrowne.org and www.LP.org. Vote Browne for President and Baker for Congress. Vote Libertarian across the board and vote for FREEDOM.

Steve Funk

A Libertarian Weighs In on Election

The following letter was published in the *Rocky Mountain News* on November 22:

As a Libertarian, I have no partiality in this race as the best man has already lost (Harry Browne). What I see going on now in the presidential race is a blatant attempt by the loser, Al Gore, to stuff the ballot box after the fact and steal the presidency from the apparent winner...

Speaking only for myself, and not for the party, I see the differences between Libertarians and the monopoly parties even more clearly now. We stand for a constitutional government as the founders intended it, while the two controlling parties bend and twist the law of the land to suit their own purpose. And that purpose is the pursuit of power, pure and simple.

Christopher J. Schwehr

"We don't want a President who can get things done, we want a President who can get things UNdone."

Announcements

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Please Send E-Mails!

David Bryant maintains the database of Colorado Libertarians, and he'd like to add your e-mail. E-mail is the fastest way to keep you apprised of breaking news and upcoming events. Please send your e-mail to David at davidbryant@worldnet.att.net.

Are You a 'Light of Liberty' Qualifier?

The Advocates for Self-Government runs a program recognizing "Lights of Liberty." Perhaps dozens of Colorado Libertarians have qualified without knowing!

To qualify for the year 2000, you need to have published three letters in a non-libertarian paper, or spoken three times to a non-libertarian audience about a libertarian topic, or worked an "Operation Politically Homeless" booth three times. (You can't mix-and-match, though you can qualify in multiple categories.)

Winners receive numerous perks from the Advocates organization — see details at www.TheAdvocates.org. This is not the time to be shy! If you've qualified, send in your application! We need to put Colorado on the map. In addition, please let Ari Armstrong know at ariarmstrong@hotmail.com or 303.412.8356.

Congratulations to W. Earl Allen for receiving the 1999 Light of Liberty award!

Looking for Legislative Director

The Board is currently seeking to fill the position of legislative director. The responsibilities of this position consist of monitoring the legislature (mostly from January through May), reporting back to party members, and advocating Libertarian policies. Those interested can contact BetteRose Smith at 303.639.5530 or betterrose@aol.com.

Dinner for Candidates

A candidates' dinner is being planned for sometime in December. The place and date have not been set as

this goes to press. If you are a candidate or a campaign worker or you would like to join us as we say thank you to our candidates, please contact one of the Colorado Board members for information. We look forward to having a big crowd at this dinner.

Liberty: The Next Generation

While going through the database to help our candidates, BetteRose Smith noticed that a lot of Libertarians are under the age of 30. She talked to Tony Middleton about this, and he has agreed to help coordinate a Libertarian party for the younger crowd.

"I know how it feels to be a lone Libertarian," said Smith, referring to her days in Northeastern Colorado. "There are so many young people and so few of them come to our events. I want them to know they are not alone. Lots of other young Libertarians are out there."

If you would like to help put this party together or would simply like to attend, please contact BetteRose Smith at 303.639.5530.

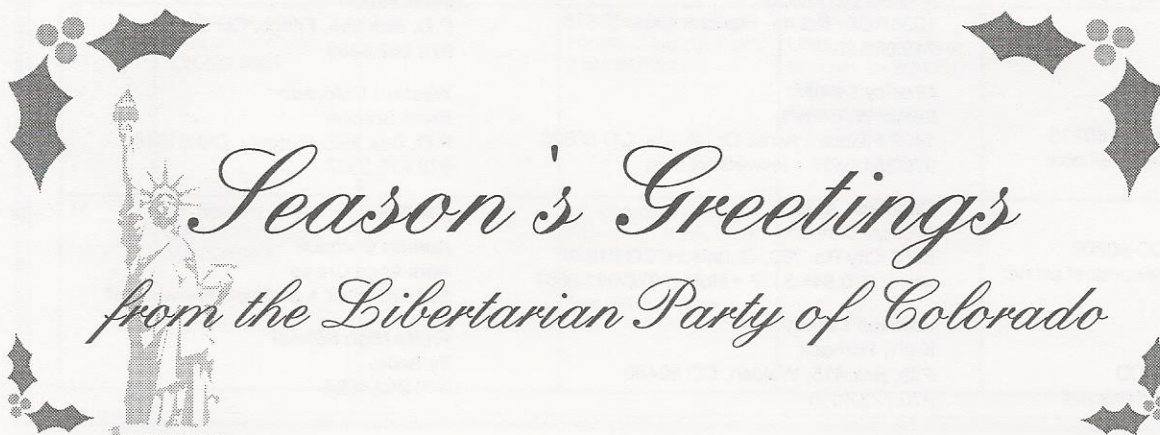
Freedom Calendar

Should the party try to raise money with a calendar featuring Libertarian Women?

Frank Atwood has suggested creating photos of Libertarian women posing for great moments in the history of freedom. For instance, one of our ladies could serve the first legal drink to Elliot Ness after the repeal of alcohol prohibition.

To go forward with this project we need ideas for the pictures (first gaming house opening, a jury nullification action, and so on). We need to figure out how many might be willing to purchase such a calendar, and we need to find Libertarian women of all ages who would be willing to pose for the photos.

Please call BetteRose Smith or drop an e-mail to betterrose@aol.com for more information or if you wish to help.



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